

RDRC

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Fall is Here!

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Robert Vess in front of the Strega Mustang at Reno! Strega was the winner of the Breitling Gold Unlimited that was piloted by Robert "Hoot" Gibson, a modeler as a child, American naval officer and aviator, test pilot, aeronautical engineer, a NASA astronaut, and today a AMA ambassador.

*Larry has the RENO coverage and more.
Nominees for Officers at next meeting!
October 27 2015*



Larry Lewis



Presidents Propwash

It's amazing how fast time goes, both in our lives and our flying season as well. As I sit here tonight writing my thoughts for this month's newsletter, my house is buzzing with action. Ladies running in and out of the house, to the shopping mall, to the pedicurist, to the bridal shop and so on. I myself have just returned from picking up my Tux and getting ready to hit the road tomorrow for the beginnings of something huge. My oldest daughter is getting married this weekend! Jacqui and I couldn't be more excited. And we couldn't be more proud of the person she has chosen to spend the rest of her life with. As most of you know, Jacqui and I were blessed with two wonderful girls in our life, and BOTH of them are on the doorstep of getting married. Heather takes those steps this weekend, and our youngest daughter Rachel is just a six months away herself. Yup, they both hit daddy's wallet up all at once! I won't be building a new jet this winter! LOL

My whole reason for bringing up the marriage of our daughters is directed at my opening statement. "It's amazing how fast time goes". It seems only a few years ago I returned home from the military and immediately started looking for a local RC club to join. I was still this young whipper snapper of a guy with a love of the hobby and eager to burn fuel. I had this little red headed daughter that I would bring to the field in diapers. She would sit on the bench with her mom and stare at the models, smile and laugh, and point up saying "Plane". NO kidding,,, some of her first words were "Piper Cub" That's no joke!!! I joined the RAMS club and within a few visits met a guy I would eventually spend many years of my life flying beside, and driving countless miles with along the east coast while driving to fly in's and competitions. He himself had a very young son the same age as Heather. Like Heather, his son would be at the field in diapers looking to the skies as his dad guided his models through the air. Of course, that guy was Robert Vess. It seems only a few years ago, but that was more than 26 years ago! Holy smoke where did the years go,,,? Yes,,,Time does fly. I flew at RAMS for about 13 years then made a change in clubs around 2002. That's when I came to RDRC. Now that has been 13 years! I must say those years have gone by faster than I ever could have imagined. In these past 13 years I have come to gain some of the greatest friends I could have ever made. Been fortunate enough to take part in some amazing accomplishments in modeling, and probably laughed harder than I had ever laughed in years past thanks to being with such an amazing group of guys ever gathered in one organization. Looking back at the last 26 years I have been flying here in NC, I have to wonder how fast the years ahead will go by. Let's enjoy them folks.

OK,,, Now that I've had my touching moments in the newsletter, let's talk about AIRPLANES! But not models. At least not yet. I want to start out telling you guys about a trip that Robert, Clyde, Marshall, Mike, Herman Smith and myself made last month. As soon as the tents were down, "Fly for Tots" was put to rest, and we could get our bags packed, we all jumped on a big ole jet airliner and headed

President's Prop Wash continued

west! It was time for RENO again! Many of you might remember that last year Robert, Marshall and myself went out there for the very first time. It would prove to be one of the greatest trips I ever made. We all vowed to go back again but said we'd have more guys in tow. Well, we did!!! And we doubled the size of our group. We flew out of RDU very early Thursday morning and landed in San Fran where we had a short layover. We all headed over to our now ritual eat'n spot to enjoy a good breakfast while gazing at all the folks coming in from overseas. Then it was short flight in to Reno. As soon as we landed we picked up our rental cars and headed straight for the Reno Stead Airport. We took the new guys out to our favorite sneak peek pylon on the back side of the airport. That's where they got to see their first sight of a pylon racer go hauling butt by as they headed to pylon #2 in a heat race. To say it was awesome is an understatement. We watched a couple of heats then loaded up to head back in to town to grab our hotel rooms and get a bite to eat. Bright and early the next morning (and I DO mean early) we jumped in the car and headed back to the field. We all had our pit passes and tickets in hand as we entered the pit area. First stop. Robert had to kiss the spinner on the Carbon Cub! Like a bunch of little kids we all started walking down toward the main attractions of the event. The Unlimited Class Racers! As we got closer to the tents you could see the sun bouncing off the paint of one of the big guns. Strega!!!! A quick glance to the right and there was last year's champion, Voodoo. These planes are absolutely beautiful!!!! Then, just around the corner. The biggest and baddest radial powered racer there is. Rare Bear! But wait. Look a bit more. Lines of



P-51s. Sea Furies, AT-6 Texans, and more! We spent a while looking,,,,,ummm,,,,,drooling over the unlimited racers then headed down to the Formula 1 racing hanger. There they were. Endeavor, Hot Stuff, Wasabi, and plenty more. These planes are so cool. And so small! Walking into the formula 1 hanger kind of reminds you of being in the RC pylon racing pits. Guys hanging around in their

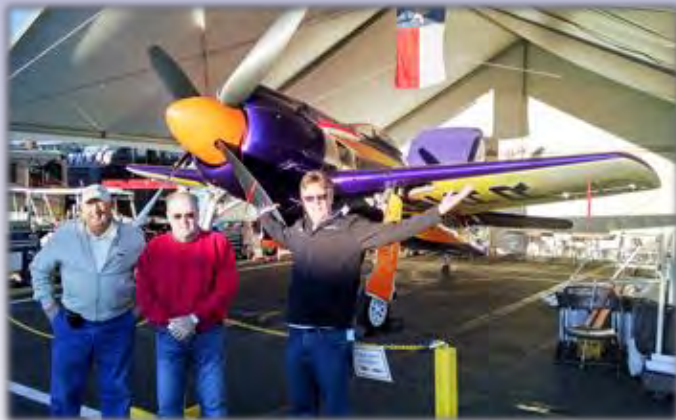
small cube. Tool boxes opened up while mechanics and pilots wrench on their plane. Taping up all the panel lines and seams to help reduce drag. And you get to walk right up to these guys and hang out with them. It's a real blast. Then we visited the bi-plane section, the sportsman section and more. As the minutes passed by the Formula 1 guys started hooking up their planes to their tow vehicles and headed out to the startup area. Soon we were watching the first race of the day. We were at RENO baby!!!!



President's Prop Wash continued

The next 4 days we had an absolute blast. Eating, buying t-shirts, and taking in all the races. Hearing the big unlimited racers go by you on that first lap is indescribable! Like last year, we chose to sit in the general public grand stands. To be honest, there are no bad seats at Reno. The races take place at Reno Stead Airport which located in a huge open desert valley. You can see for miles and the entire course is viewable from where you sit. Its awesome watching the planes make passes on the back stretch, then seeing them dive for the hard deck as they fly just a few feet above the pylons. Folks, I might form North Cackalacky, but I have to say, this stuff beats NASCAR any day of the week!!!!

Like I was saying, we spent the next four days enjoying every minute of our trip. The races were clean, safe, and



FAST! Strega took first in the gold unlimited with the Bear getting taking second. Endeavor took gold again in Formula 1 with Roberts buddy Elliot getting 3rd flying his own design and self-built Wasabi. I managed to take first in the T-Shirt buying



event, and Mike Langlois took first in the farting contest! All in all, we ALL had a great time and cant wait to return again next year. If you ever thought about going to the Reno air races, wait no longer! It's a thrill you'll never forget folks. Start



President's Prop Wash continued



The winner of the Breitling Gold Unlimited that was piloted by Robert "Hoot" Gibson being congratulated by the owner of Strega!



RDRC Christmas Party

It's back on folks! RDRC will be holding its annual Christmas Party again this year and we're hoping to see most of you there. Marshall Sanderson has reserved a private room at Fargo's Steak house in Zebulon for this year's event. The date is December 18th and many of you have been there before and know the food and service is great. This event is for all RDRC members and their family. Bring the kids, the wife, the girl friend, or anyone you like. The room they provide us is great and allows all of us to be in one area together. We hope you will put this event on your calendar and we're sure you'll have a great time being there.

2016 Nominations

Don't forget folks. We'll be taking nominations for the 2016 RDRC officers at this month's meeting. Elections will be held at the November meeting next month. It was voted on by the membership to do nominations in October and vote in November. If you have a person in mind that you'd like to see lead our club next year on the board of officers, you'll need to get that person's name in the hat. If he or she cannot be at the meeting, you simply need to get a signed letter from that person stating he or she is willing to accept the nomination for said position.

RDRC Membership is UP!

Don't look now folks, but RDRC has GROWN!!! I was talking with Clyde and Marshall today over lunch and they stated RDRC is more than a 140 members strong!!! WOW! It's really good to see this club so strong and see so many people wanting to be a part of NCs premier club. The future looks bright!

We hope to see you guys at the October meeting.

Larry



New RDRC VICE

E-Mail Ed

Treasurer's Report



The Treasury report was given at the September meeting and can be found in Marshall's meeting minutes or on the website.

RDRC Christmas Party

At the RDRC meeting Tuesday we decided to have a Christmas party/dinner at the Fargo Steak House in Zebulon. Marshall has made reservations for Friday evening December 18th for a party of 50. Make your plans now!

Please RSVP Marshall so he can start gathering a head count.

[E-Mail Marshall](#) and mark it down on your calendar!



Safety Coordinator

This past month was a much calmer and safer month at the field as far as I could tell. I don't know of any major instance that warrants mentioning at all. In fact, this past Wednesday night we had approximately 25 guys out flying until it was too dark to see. There were all types of planes and styles of flying going on at one time and everything just seemed to work. No one was invading someone else's flying space and everyone had a good time.

I would like to go back an entire month and bring up some concerns. It really goes back to last month's meeting. I had several people come up and mention one particular incident that they witnessed and were concerned about. Each person seemed surprised when I told them that I had already dealt with the issue. The problem lies solely with me and how I go about being a safety officer. When there is an infraction, you will never see me run out on the field while you are still flying. You won't see me waiting in the pits with your buddies when you are finished flying. But you will see me at some point when we can be alone and we will discuss the matter. To some people it seems like inaction because they don't see a public reprimand. That's not me, and it is not how our by-laws say it should be handled.

The purpose of a safety office is to deal with the infraction and make the field a safer place. It is not to embarrass someone in front of their friends or family. Up to this point, I have dealt with every infraction that I have seen and that has been reported to me in the manner in which I mentioned. I hope this clears up a few of the questions that some of you have voiced.

Let's go flying and do it safely.

Herbby



Herbby Alford

Secretary / Membership



Marshall Sanderson

The RDRC August meeting minutes are posted on the Website and be voted on in the September meeting to be approved.

One new member in the month of August with a total of 126 members for the year.

[Click here to see the membership list.](#)

[E-Mail Marshall](#)

Meeting minutes for August 2015 have been approved and posted on the RDRC website. Login is required to view.

RDRC continues to grow. We have 140 members now and 1 prospective member. Start thinking about your AMA renewal so that when it is time to renew RDRC membership in the coming months you will be current. In the interim period between the end of the year and club membership renewal members need to have AMA membership in place to fly after Dec 31. Our club is currently operating very well with plenty of flying and people having FUN, let's keep it going.

Marshall

RDRC CLUB MINUTES for September 22, 2015

(To be approved in October 2015 meeting)

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President Larry Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM on September 22, 2015 in the Forks Restaurant in Wake Forest. All club officers except IT officer Steve Ballard were present. Welcoming remarks were made and there were 17 members and 5 prospective members present and two new members were voted in. President Larry Lewis introduced visitors/prospective new members.

Treasurer's report: Clyde Long reported that the club had [REDACTED] in our account.

Safety Officers Report: Herbbby Alford reported no problems with safety at the field. The crashes in the last month have been pilot error. All members are reminded to obey posted flying rules and be careful.

Secretary's Report: Marshall Sanderson reported that as of this date there were 131 paid members. A motion to accept the July minutes as posted in the Newsletter was made by Ed Radial and seconded by Dave Hockenberry. Motion passed.

IT Communications Officer's Report: Steve Ballard was absent but Larry mentioned the moving of one camera for Fly For Tots and that Steve had agreed to manage the Fly For Tots website.

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Field Marshal's Report: John Keisler had nothing to report but would talk about seeding or sod under new business.

Old Business: Larry Lewis gave a recap of the FFT event. After missing last year our FFT went very well with \$14,500 raised for the Victory Junction Gang Camp. RDRC will visit the camp in late October to present our contribution. Our new AMA flag for our Award of Excellence was received and flown at FFT.

Terry Jackson asked about shelters and mentioned members pitting and starting planes in front of the shelter.

New Business: After some discussion Ed Radiel made a motion to move nomination of officers to the October meeting. Wes Wallace seconded the motion and motion was voted on and passed.

John Keisler talked about bare spots on the field and whether to use seed or sod. John made a motion to use sod and Dave Hockenberry seconded it. Motion passed and \$200 was allocated for the project.

Robert Babeck mentioned he had a box blade if we needed it for ground prep.

RDRC will have a Christmas Party at Fargo's in Zebulon with dates of Dec 4th, 11th. or 18th. Marshall will check on available dates and reported in the newsletter and at the next meeting.

The November meeting date was moved to November 17th and will be reported in the newsletter.

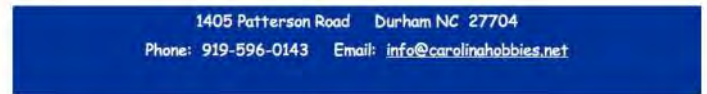
A motion was made to adjourn by Dave Hockenberry and seconded by Brad Frey. Motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by Marshall Sanderson, RDRC Secretary

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Thoughts from Suzy!

The RDRC News Hound



DA 150 running bad!

I have a little problem and is causing a great deal of aggravation! From one weekend running fine to the next weekend fouling the plugs and then the next wouldn't run above an idle and very lean.

I pulled the carb apart to find this mess and thought that my problems were over, I thought wrong! After cleaning all that crap out, it still won't run above an idle. It seems to be only running on one cylinder and I'm looking into the ignition system.

But back to the trash I found in the carb, there was no fuel filter on the engine but there is now. Much easier to clean a fuel filter then open up that carb and clean it out.



Nominees for club officers

Remember we'll be taking nominees for club officers at the next meeting, Tuesday October 27th at Forks in Wake forest at 6:30. Come and eat with your club members and take this opportunity to get to know them better. Want to be an officer I'm sure the current ones will let you have a go of it. Each person in RDRC has something unique to offer, different views, new ways of doing things. If you believe that you have something to offer, then step right up! Join the strong, the proud, the RDRC officers!



Don't forget your AMA D4 website! A lot of good stuff out there. Did you know there are newsletters from other D4 clubs posted there. Here is a link if you want to check up on other clubs.



RC on YouTube

There are so many cool things on You Tube to do with RC it would take a life time to watch them all. Here I'm starting a page just for unique RC or Aircraft related YT videos. So to save time in our busy lives, if you run across any good ones please send me the link at RDRCNews@gmail.com and I'll put them here to share with you club members.

I've always been a Star Wars fan. With starting R/C not long after the time the first movie come out, I always thought of trying to do something X-wing related. Well here someone that did and I have to build one and maybe a Tie fighter also, you have to have the Empire in the fight!



Here Gernot Bruckmann shows his skills in the Paris indoor competition, unreal flying. Chick on picture to watch! Thanks to Peter for sharing this.

If you want to se more of the competi-
tion go [Here](#).

RDRC Meetings!



The Forks Cafeteria
339 S. Brooks Street
Wake Forest, NC 27587
919-556-6544



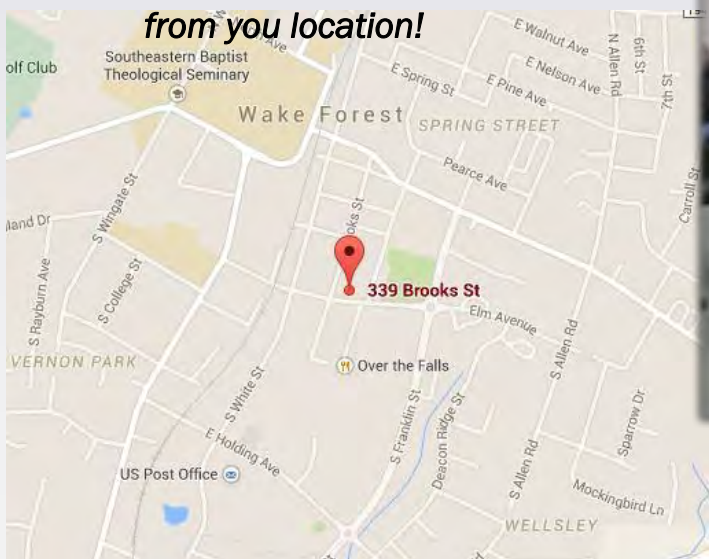
Agenda:
New nominees for club officers
By-laws vote
Safety Report
It report

During the past winter RD-RC has been meeting in Wake Forest at [Forks Cafeteria](#). This month we'll continue to meet at forks because everyone is enjoying the food.

Check out their [daily menu](#) on line with all their great home-style cooking! It changes from day to day and is filled with anything you might want.

Members should go through the line for dinner and bring their food to the meeting room. The Cafeteria requires that 90% of attendees eat dinner for use of their room. We tested most of the food at the last meeting and found it very good.

Click on map below to get directions
from you location!



Tis the Season for Fun-Flys!

The following is only of NC please check [AMA Events Calendar](#) for outside NC

October NC

10/24/2015 -- Mooresville, NC (C) MULTI-ROTOR FPV EXTRAVAGANZA. Site: RC Wingers Club Field. Scott Bland CD PH: 704-560-5511 Email: skyjet1@yahoo.com. Visit: rcwingers.com. Sanction #15/1881. Multi-Rotor FPV obstacle & racing course & FPV scavenger hunt with prizes. First annual "No Frills", "No Landing fee", "No Food", "No Drinks" and "No Snacks" Please bring your own. A ton of fun and a porti-potty will be provided. Camping OK. 10am to ? Sponsor: RC WINGERS

10/24/2015 -- Wilson, NC (C) WRCMA ANNUAL COMPETITION FUN FLY. Site: Club Field. Robert Mattern CD PH: 252-243-7138 Email: rmattern@nc.rr.com. Visit: www.wilsonrc.org. 15/197. Awarding prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Hot food, cold beverages available. Door prizes and 50/50 raffle. Electricity, shade and porta pot on site. Landing fee \$10. Sponsor: WILSON RC MODELERS ASSN.

10/31/2015 -- Greensboro, NC (C-Restricted) CCRC HALLOWEEN FLOAT FLY. Site: Lynwood Lakes. Thomas Black CD PH: 336-676-9606 Email: tandbb@bellsouth.net. Sanction #15/2153. Sponsor: CENTRAL CAROLINA MODELERS

10/31/2015 -- Monroe, NC (C) 15TH ANNUAL WARBIRDS FALL FLY IN. Site: Club Field. W Scott Gantt CD PH: 704.544.9571 Email: sgantt@benefitcontrolsnc.com. Visit: www.charlotteaeromodelers.org. 15/199. All size aircraft welcome. \$10 registration fee. Field opens at 8am. Camping allowed, no hook ups. BBQ lunch served at 12. \$8 Adults, \$4 children. Playground facility for children. Award for best scale, biplane, military and peoples choice. Great prizes. Sponsor: CHARLOTTE AEROMODELERS INC

November NC

11/7/2015 - 11/8/2015 -- Fayetteville, NC (C) 7TH ANNUAL GEORGE FRYER MEMORIAL WARBIRD FUNFLY. Site: Piedmont Club Flying Field. Thomas Schillinger CD PH: Email: ncflyer60@gmail.com. Visit: www.piedmontaeromodelers.com. 15/1714. All warbirds welcome to salute our Vets. 200 acres w/800ft grass runway. Pilot and raffle prizes. \$10 landing fee. Registration at 9am. Primitive camping available. BBQ on Saturday only.

11/7/2015 -- Huntersville, NC (C) WARBIRDS OVER HUNTERSVILLE. Site: 15401 Holbrooks Rd. Michael Spunich CD PH: 704.287.7873 Email: mike@lakerealty.com. Visit: flyingacesrc.com. Sanction #15/2128. David B Wayman Flying Field. Pilots briefing at 9am. Bring any and all Warbirds & enjoy some great sortie flying. Great raffles prizes. \$15 landing fee; \$5 for provided lunch. Sponsor: FLYING ACES PILOTS ASSOC

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11/7/2015 -- Tabor City, NC (C) 5TH ANNUAL SMFC FALL FLY-IN. Site: Smfc Field. David Williams CD PH: 910-395-5930 Email: davecw@ec.rr.com. Visit: southeasternmodelers.com. Sanction #15/1971. Gates open Fri. Oct. 9th 9am, Open flying Sunday Oct 11th. Campers welcome - limited power hookups (first come first serve). 100x800ft smooth runway. \$10 Landing Fee 2.4Ghz only. Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner available Sat. - Grand Prize, Door Prizes & 50/50. Sponsor: SOUTHEASTERN MODELERS FLYING CLUB

Swap meets

October NC

10/24/2015 -- North Wilkesboro, NC (E) 6TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET. Site: 191 Armory Rd. Scott Brown CD PH: 336-667-2742 Email: scooter3268@yahoo.com. Admission \$5, children under 12 and spouses free. \$10 for center tables, \$15 for wall tables. Vendors welcome, same cost. Doors open 8:00 am for public. Vendor set-up 6:30 am or Friday evening. Contact Perry Phillips 336-452-1720 or Mike Ellis 336-957-7567. Sponsor: RIVERS EDGE RC CLUB

10/24/2015 -- Sanford, NC (E) FALL SWAP MEEET. Site: Lee County Fairgrounds. Karl Seitz CD PH: 9195770196 Email: kas20889@earthlink.net. Vendor set up 7am. Doors open to public 8am-Wall tables \$15, aisle tables \$10. Admission \$5, wives and children under 12 free. This is an indoor event. Parking in rear of fairgrounds, 5th St. entrance. Food available on site. Sponsor: SANFORD MODEL AIRPLANE CLUB

November NC

11/14/2015 -- Winston-Salem, NC (E) 34TH ANNUAL WSRC SWAP MEET. Site: Dixie Classic Fairground. Mark Smith CD PH: 704-798-2776 Email: marksmithsmitty@yahoo.com. Visit: wsrconline.com. Early vendor set-up Friday Nov 13th from 7:30 to 9:00pm. Saturday morning, Vendors 7:30am, Public 8:00am. 8' tables \$15, wall \$20. Spouses and kids free. Door prizes & raffles all day. Food and drink served. Sponsor: WINSTON-SALEM RC CLUB

Got something you want to write up for the Newsletter? Well do it and send to me and I'll get it in one of the up coming issues!



Plus, this year I welcome all to contribute to the newsletters. Everyone is trying out new toys that they love or hate and they can drop me a email about them. We can say something about anything we touch in this hobby no matter how big or small. Some of us will get to go to Swap meets and fly-ins that other won't have the chance too. Writing about these can be a great way of letting the club know if it's something worth going too and to watch for it next year, what there was, interesting things about it and some other detail about food and so on. News can be anything happening at the field, someone have a maiden flight on something, let me know. We join the club to share and learn more about RC. We do that a lot at the field, but you can reach many more by sharing in the newsletter, it goes out to all the club members! We have so much to share in this great Hobby!

Thanks to all that has contributed so far this year!

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and slow down when coming and going from our
field.*

Thoughts from the windsock...

If you know anyone that is not receiving this newsletter but should be, then please forward that person's email address to me. That way, I can get newsletters out to that person.



***Fly SAFE, Courteously
and Respectfully!
Come out and share in
the fun!***



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